GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF GAS FIELD IN KG BASIN BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is planning to develop its gas field in the KG basin, adjoining Reliance's prolific D-6 block;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ONGC has sought approval to drill eight additional wells in the block from the Government;

(d) the response of the Government to ONGC's proposal; and

(e) the targeted amount of gas production from this gas field?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) & (b): Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), the operator of the deepwater block KG-DWN-98/2 in East Coast, has submitted the Declaration of Commerciality (DoC) for UD-1 gas discovery in the "Southern Discovery Area" of this block, which was deliberated in the Management Committee (MC) Meeting held on 17.06.2010. As per directives of the MC, operator has submitted the revised DoC proposal after re-assessing the petro-physical parameters and drilling data of two appraisal wells.

The Declaration of Commerciality (DoC) of "Northern Development Area" of the block KG-DWN-98/2 was also submitted by the ONGC on 15.07.2010. Since, the said DoC was not approved at the Operating Committee (OC), it could not be evaluated and the operator was asked to submit the OC approved DoC.

(c) & (d): Yes Madam, ONGC has submitted proposal to Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MOP& NG)/Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) requesting permission for drilling eight additional exploratory/appraisal wells in the block KG-DWN-98/2 and also seeking extension of the exploration period for drilling these wells.

(e): The gas production target from this block will be known only after the approval of DoC/Field Development Plan (FDP) by the Management Committee (MC).